

**Select a new Montana State Symbol and honor Scobey Soils**

Longfellow state soil petition comments as of Feb. 2, 2015

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Gerald Nielsen BOZEMAN, MT

Scobey is already the state's best-known soil, used for teaching and research in Montana, and in museum exhibits by the Smithsonian and others world wide. It awaits official state soil designation.

LaVonne Nielsen BOZEMAN, MT

I too believe that "Civilization itself rests upon the soil." -- Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826)

Angie Anderson BELGRADE, MT

We need more "Dirt Appreciation".

Michael Vlases BOZEMAN, MT

My 4th grader has made a compelling argument - a rich soil like Scobey symbolizes Montana as much as the wheat that grows in it, and the mountains that fed the glaciers that created it. Yet under our feet, soil gets less attention and respect - it is more than dirt, but is the living skin of the earth.

Peyton Holmes BELGRADE, MT

I believe that the students of Longfellow Elementary have accomplished excellent research, learning projects, and proposals. They deserve to be recognized, and it is about time Scobey Soil gets its due title.

Peter Aengst BOZEMAN, MT

Soils Rock....

Meg Segal BOZEMAN, UNITED STATES

SOIL IS IMPORTANT

Cliff Montagne BOZEMAN, MT

This is a very important way to recognize one of the most fundamental parts of Montana's land-based ecosystem. Proper recognition and subsequent stewardship of this resource is critical for Montana's future.

JW Westman PARK CITY, MT

it's the right thing to do, these bright fourth graders worked very hard as well as others bringing this important piece of legislation, important for all Montanans

Kami Edwards BOZEMAN, UNITED STATES

Soil is important to the growth of Montana and represents our agricultural roots

shawna Sandau LEWISTOWN, MT

Soils are so important to our state

Candace Eagle MARYSVILLE, WA

Montana native, born and raised. Love my home state, even if I'm not living in it.

Tina Martin BELGRADE, MT

i support the efforts of our youth and believe we should have this for our state.

Lacy Stephens BOZEMAN, MT

So great that these students are recognizing the value and importance of soil!

Daniel Biggerstaff BOZEMAN, MT

This is a worthy cause and a great effort by motivated students.

Mary Bunkers BOZEMAN, MT

I'm signing because our Longfellow 4th graders have worked hard to integrate science with social studies for a meaningful cause. Soil contains 25% of our planet's biodiversity; a meaningful statistic for our Treasure State full of natural resources.

Chloe Nostrant BOZEMAN, MT

I love soil!

David Sigler BOZEMAN, MT

Soil is one of our beautiful state's natural treasures. I support fourth graders' efforts to memorialize soil as a state symbol. So many of the things I enjoy in Montana, including hunting in the mountains and fishing crystal-clear rivers, begins and ends with the soil. Best of luck to the kids!

Jay Fischer WALNUT CREEK, CA

It is a good idea to recognize the uniqueness of soils in a state and I support the efforts of these fourth graders.

Gregory Fischer VENICE, CA

This needs to happen!

Bruce Maxwell BOZEMAN, MT

I believe that soils are important to the State of MT on this designation of a state soil will help create an awareness of this important resource

Clain Jones BOZEMAN, MT

I am MSU's Extension Soil Fertility Specialist and see the critical role that soil plays in growing crops on a daily basis. Please vote yes on this bill to show your recognition of the importance of soil in Montana's economy.

Debbie Deagen BOZEMAN, MT

Having a state soil for Montana is important for our state's identity and heritage. Our soil is the critical foundation for our agricultural economy, for our wildlife habitat, and for the beautiful prairie and forest vistas that make Montana so unique. The Scobey soil series is a wonderful exemplar of Montana's life -supporting soil resource.

Mac Burgess BOZEMAN, MT

The Scobey series consists of very deep, well drained soils that formed in till. These soils are on till plains, hills, and moraines. Slopes are 0 to 15 percent. Mean annual precipitation is about 12 inches, and the mean annual air temperature is about 43 degrees F.

Douglas Fischer BOZEMAN, MT

soils are really important! Glad to see the fourth graders taking on this important topic!

Danny Choriki BILLINGS, MT

Cause it's the truth and deserves a level of recognition.

Michael Choriki BILLINGS, UNITED STATES

I support this cause because I understand the importance of soil on all phases of food production.

Tom Woods BOZEMAN, MT

Soils are undervalued, underfoot and often not understood. Fact is, without them we could not survive.

Darla Reeves LAKEWOOD, UNITED STATES

Yes! Please designate Scobey Soil as a new Montana State Symbol! I am a graduate of MT schools...from Bozeman's Longfellow Elementary School, to Montana State University. I, along with my family, are long time supporters of efforts to honor and recognize Montana and its natural treasures...especially the land and soil that supports everything else. Adopting Scobey Soil as an officially Montana State Symbol in the the UN declared "International Year of Soils" 2015, is timely and fitting!

Thank you Longfellow fourth graders, interested soil advocates, and Montana Legislators!

Tracy Statham MOUNTAIN REST, SC

This is important to my nephew and he lives in Montana.

Peter Jacoby BOZEMAN, MT

I love dirt

Peggy Olliff BOZEMAN, MT

MT needs a state soil

Cathy Richard BOZEMAN, MT

These kids have done the research and have made a persuasive argument that this makes sense.

Stasia Owen BIG SKY, MT

I love that they are concerned about their environment at a grassroots level and are learning how to politically organize to make a difference. What a great cause!!

Clarissa Werre BOZEMAN, MT



I am so proud and inspired by these 4th graders efforts in celebrating Montana's history and protecting our natural resources!

Matt Miller BOZEMAN, MT

Soil is very important and I'd like to support!

patricia Prucha-Dennis BRASELTON, GA

My grandson wants the Scobey Soil as Montana's official symbol. I support this effort.

Jan Smith DALTON, GA

I think that it's important for the students to be interested in learning about their state's resources.

Kirsten Bjerke BOZEMAN, MT

These kids have put in a lot of effort, and I like the idea :)

Jenne Pepper BOZEMAN, MT

We need a State soil!

Erik Lehnhoff BOZEMAN, MT

We should value our soil resources and recognize their importance in helping to feed the world.

Max DePartee BOZEMAN, MT

Everyone should know something about soils, especially in an Ag oriented place like Montana.

Nancy Planalp BOZEMAN, MT

I believe in the efforts, enthusiasm and research done by 4th graders!

Calvin Harrington BOZEMAN, MT

The current symbol and associated logo "Oro y plata" symbolizes a part of Montana's past. A past that was focused on the extraction that brought great wealth to a few and decent lives to many. It also produced large scale destruction, the Berkeley pit, the strip mine visible from I90 Westbound coming down into Whitehall which travelers could watch disappearing throughout the 90s (Golden Sunlight's motto should be creating jobs while changing the view in Montana one mountain top at a time). In contrast, agriculture which has also, from the beginning, been a central part Montana's economy is renewable and doesn't detract from the beauty of our state. I think these students have a great idea here and that it should be seriously considered.

Edward Hook, Jr BOZEMAN, MT

Without soil there is no life. It is important to recognize the benign for there unsung contribution to progress.

Kristi Crawford BOZEMAN, MT

I'm signing because the Longfellow 4th grade took great initiative to make this happen.

Beth Antonopulos BOZEMAN, MT

Our kids are excited to take part in democracy, to care about our soils, and to take the classroom outside!

Susannah White BOZEMAN, MT

Soils are an overlooked but important resource and we need more awareness, especially of Scobey soils.

Linda Rex BOYNTON BEACH, UNITED STATES

I am signing this petition because I am happy that Edie's class and the UN are reminding us to take better care of our soil.

Patricia Ritter BOZEMAN, UNITED STATES

These students are trying to use the political process to make a difference!

Susan Neubauer BOZEMAN, MT

I'm signing for the kids of Longfellow Elementary School, because they have worked hard to make a difference in our state. Thank you.

Joseph Capella BOZEMAN, MT

"The nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself." --- Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Kathleen Brandis BOZEMAN, MT

Soil is the foundation on which we all exist. Scobey series is particularly special as it is distinct and water conserving.

kris evans PONTYPRIDD, UNITED KINGDOM

A great way to honor this valuable resource.

Jodi Hilty BOZEMAN, MT

I am signing because we need a state soil and this is the best one because of its significance for wildlife and agriculture!